



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Tarun K. DHAR et al.

Title: A HIGHLY COST-EFFECTIVE ANALYTICAL DEVICE FOR  
PERFORMING IMMUNOASSAYS WITH ULTRA HIGH  
SENSITIVITY

Appl. No.: 09/779,455

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment being filed with an RCE in response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2003, in connection with the captioned application. By the attached petition for extension of time and check for the requisite fee, applicants have extended the time for responding until February 26, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.